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## HEAVY BOMBARDMENT ABOUT LOOS AND SOUCHEZ LAST NIGHT

### FRENCH WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES HEAVY BOMBARDMENT BY BOTH SIDES LAST NIGHT ON THESE TWO FRONTS IN FRANCE.

First War Statement Issued by the Bulgarians Last Night Accuses Serbians of Initiating the Offensive and Making Surprise Attack to Obtain Bulgarian Strategic Points on the Route to Sofia, but were Driven Back—Nish Dispatch Declares the Teutonic Invasion is Making Progress—Turks Claim to have Inflicted Heavy Losses Upon the Serbs Near Anafarta in the Dardanelles by Use of Bombs—Petrograd Claims Advantage Lies with Russians in Recent Fighting on the Rumanian River, Although General Ivanoff's Troops have been Hurled Back Across that Stream—Russians Claim to have Separated a German Army in Far East.

London, Oct. 15.—The French war office announced this morning that there was a heavy bombardment by both sides last night in front of Loos and Souchez. Spirited engagements with hand grenades are reported in the trench south of the forest.

The first war statement issued by the Bulgarians, dated Thursday night, accuses the Serbians of initiating the offensive and declares that Serbia made a surprise attack to obtain Bulgarian strategic points on a route to Sofia, but were driven back.

Nish dispatch declares that the Teutonic invasion has not progressed any point more than four miles beyond the Danube.

In the Dardanelles, the Turks claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Serbs near Anafarta by the use of bombs.

Actual military operations in the Balkans show little change since the battle of Belgrade.

Though admitting that the forces of General Ivanoff have been hurled across the Stripa river, Petrograd asserts that the advantage still lies with the Russians, who hold eight miles of the east bank of the river, and these actions, which have virtually separated the Austro-German army there.

Serbia Declares War. London, Oct. 15.—It is officially announced that Serbia has declared war on Bulgaria.

Zeppelins over Holland. Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—Four Zeppelins, reported to be those participating in the London raid, were seen over various parts of Holland early this morning. The craft were fired upon by the sentinels, and it is reported that one of them was disabled.

Greece Won't Participate. London, Oct. 15.—In a note to the British government, Greece has announced her definite decision not to participate in the war on behalf of Serbia.

Torpedo Boat Sunk. London, Oct. 15.—A Central News dispatch from Copenhagen says a British torpedo boat has sunk a German torpedo boat.

Making Glass Caskets. Fairbanks, Alaska, Oct. 15.—The American Glass Casket company, which is being organized with a capital stock of a quarter of a million dollars, is being exhibited by the people. A burial casket made of glass is a new thing, and the people are delighted with them. It is said to be the best thing in that has ever been brought here. They are indestructible, they are light, they combine elegance

with good points of service, and will undoubtedly be great sellers when once put upon the market. A factory is to be located somewhere in the state, and Ada, Tulsa, and Muskogee are said to have made bids for the factory. Whether Ardmore will do so or not will be known in a few days.

M. L. Alexander, who owns a large deposit of glass sand near this city, has offered to give free all the sand that will be used by the factory within one year, and for ten years thereafter he will accept stock in payment for sand, and if he does not supply the factory with sand for that length of time, he will forfeit whatever amount he has furnished, should his supply become exhausted.

Bob Ballentine is president of the company. His home is at Blackwell, Okla. J. W. DeCamp of Blackwell is the inventor.

## FOUR VICTIMS OF DEADLY GAS FUMES

WOMAN, WHO LOST HUSBAND YESTERDAY, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TURNED ON GAS, CAUSING FOUR DEATHS.

New York, Oct. 15.—Mrs. Anna Huntsinger and her three young daughters, were found dead in their home at Brooklyn today. All of the nine gas jets in the house were on, and only one was lighted.

Mrs. Huntsinger yesterday identified the body of a man found in the East river as that of her husband.

SUMMER AT LONG BRANCH

President Won't Return to Summer Home in New Hampshire. Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson today decided not to return to Cornish, N. H., next summer for his vacation, but will go to Long Branch, N. J., where a spacious home has been secured for him by a committee of New Jersey officials.

CARRANCISTAS MAINTAIN ORDER

In Guaymas and El Palmas Order Follows Villa's Evacuation. Washington, Oct. 15.—Order is being maintained in Guaymas and El Palmas on the Mexican west coast, which were captured Wednesday by the Carrancistas, after the Villa garrison had retired north. Two Carrancista ships are anchored in the harbor.

110 CLAIMS SETTLED

Up to Noon Today that Number had Been Disposed of and Marked Closed. Up to noon today the Santa Fe officials have made full settlement with 110 persons for damages and personal injuries sustained by the recent explosion. The officers settle all claims and issue checks to parties with whom they agree and are disposing of as many as possible before the committee get ready to pass upon the rest, which will probably be the first of next week.

### FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING

Ardmore Church Will Send Large Delegation to McAlester.

A number of the leading members of the First Christian church of this city will attend the district conference of the Fifth Oklahoma district, which convenes the latter part of the month in McAlester. They will bear from the local church an invitation to the district meeting to hold its next session in Ardmore.

The Christian people have one of the handsomest church buildings in the state, and the delegates from here will be proud to invite the church people to come here for their next business session.

## RECEIVER IS APPOINTED FOR TRACTION CO.

D. E. BOOKER APPOINTED PERMANENT RECEIVER BY COURT YESTERDAY—EASLEY'S REPORT ACCEPTED.

Yesterday afternoon the judge of the district court appointed D. E. Booker as receiver for the Ardmore Traction company. For the past three months Mr. Booker has been acting as temporary receiver, and yesterday the final report of J. F. Easley, former receiver, was read and accepted, and he was discharged, with his sureties. His salary as such receiver, amounting to \$750, was allowed.

Just what will be done toward operating the cars over this line has not been announced. For some time the cars have not been operated, but it is stated that matters will be adjusted within a few days, and service will be resumed.

The car service is sadly missed by members of Lornick Hills Country club, who hope the new management will be able to make service to the park a regular thing. The new management will make announcement within a few days what their future plans are.

## MORE HOTEL TALK IS BEING INDULGED IN

WHISPERED THAT STOCK COMPANY MAY BUILD TEN-STORY AFFAIR AT CORNER OF MAIN AND C STREETS.

There was a quiet little rumor on the streets this morning that a stock company might be organized and a ten-story hotel building erected at the corner of West Main and C street, where the old skating rink formerly stood.

The party who gave this information requested that his name not be used at present, but mentioned several prominent business men who were interested in the deal, and if the scheme materializes promises to give the city a hotel the equal, if not superior, to the Kingside in Oklahoma City.

Our informant stated, however, that the matter had only been talked over in an informal way, but those who are interested in the deal are confident something tangible will result within a few days.

NO EX-SLAVE FUNDS.

Treasury Department Denies Existence of Such Fund. Washington, Oct. 15.—The treasury department today issued a denial that it holds a fund of sixty-eight million or any fund for ex-slaves or their heirs, or for other persons who worked in the cotton fields during the Civil war and the years preceding and following that conflict.

## DEADLY FIGHT AT CHARLESTON

REPORTER SHOT TO DEATH AND FOUR MEN SHOT OUTSIDE ROOM OF DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

### CANVASS OF RETURNS

Committee Was to Canvass Returns of Primary Election Last Tuesday—Governor Rushes State Troops to the Scene.

Charleston, Oct. 15.—Sidney Cohen a newspaper reporter, was killed and four other men were shot in a fight just outside the room where the city democratic executive committee was to meet to canvass the returns of the primary of last Tuesday.

The shooting occurred, reports say, at the moment set for the calling to order of the committee, and the boxes containing the ballots to be canvassed were thrown into the street.

Great confusion followed the shooting, and the excitement in the city is intense.

Governor Manning from Columbia called the entire second regiment of the national guards under arms to await eventualities here.

## OKLAHOMA GOT A RAW DEAL AT DENVER

SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARDED FIRST OF THE STATE EXHIBITS BUT FOR ACTIVITY OF "NATIVE SONS" AMONG THE JUDGES.

F. K. West returned from Denver yesterday where he has been for the past three weeks in charge of the Oklahoma exhibit at the international dry-farming congress. Kansas was awarded the first place over the protest of nearly all of the other exhibitors, who were practically unanimous that Oklahoma was entitled to that honor by a large margin. However, most of the officials were from Kansas and there was nothing to it; they as native sons could see nothing but Kansas, and the big cup went to themselves. The pictures of the exhibit on exhibition at the rooms of the chamber of commerce are silent witnesses to the fact that Kansas was not entitled to as good as fourth place and at a meeting of exhibitors held after the awards were made, protests were filed and some warm arguments precipitated, in which much ill feeling was exhibited. Many of the states sided with Oklahoma in their fight for justice and were flat-footed in their statements that they would never have another exhibit at the international dry-farming congress unless the management was changed, and the rules governing the judging of exhibits rigidly adhered to. The next meeting will be held either at Kansas City or St. Joseph, the place has not been definitely decided upon as yet, but unless a majority of the states are assured that they will not have to bow to the whims of the Kansas officials, there will be a noticeable falling off in the number of exhibits.

Kansas was awarded first, Nebraska second, and Oklahoma third. The combined exhibits of the two former would not be given a moment's consideration by judges who were inclined to be fair, but that cuts no figure this year, the awards will stand as announced.

First and sweep stakes on broom corn. This captured a \$250.00 loving cup. First on dwarf broom corn. First and sweep stakes on watermelons; first, second and third on white corn, squash corn, and bloody butcher.

First and second on kaffir. First and second on feterita. First and second on

dwarf milo maize, also on standard. Second on red kaffir corn; third on wheat against the world. Sweepstakes on soft winter wheat.

First on pears; first and second on three varieties of apples, and first on pop corn.

Mr. West states that if Oklahoma had gotten anything like a square deal, that it would be listed first instead of third, and this was agreed to by a majority of the state exhibitors.

FORTY DOLLARS FOR TEXAS COTTON SEED

Childress, Tex., Oct. 15.—Cotton seed sold here today for forty dollars a ton.

## NEW SYSTEM OF BOOKKEEPING INSTALLED

CITY WILL FOLLOW RECOMMENDATION OF AUDITORS, WHO RECENTLY FINISHED WORK ON CITY'S BOOKS.

As soon as the new books arrive, the city government will go on another system of bookkeeping which will eliminate the necessity of employing auditors in future, for the reason that everything will be brought down to date at the close of each day's business, and every taxpayer, at a glance, can see just what the financial condition of the city is.

W. S. Forrest, the city bookkeeper, has been in Oklahoma city for several days, familiarizing himself with the system, and he states that when he has the new books opened and all accounts transferred from the old books, it will be very much easier to do the work, besides having every balance where it can be seen at a glance.

O. C. Clough, who has been working in the office of the city bookkeeper since the present administration took charge, has resigned, to accept a position in the office of J. S. Mullen. It has not been stated who will succeed him in the office of the city bookkeeper.

## UNION DEPOT IS LIVE TOPIC AT PRESENT

SIZE AND LOCATION IS CAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION—MAY BE MOVED FURTHER NORTH.

There is a growing interest among the citizens, who wish to know just what kind of a union depot will be erected by the railroads here to replace the one destroyed, but everyone is convinced that the Santa Fe will build one adequate to the needs of the city for many years to come.

While it has not been given out officially, it has been rumored that the new depot will be situated somewhat further north than the present structure, with platform sheds extending from Main to Broadway, upon either side of the main building.

Such an arrangement would eliminate the necessity of trains standing across the crossing at Main street, which is often necessary at present, especially those from the south, besides many other features that especially appeal to those who would like to see the depot at the foot of Broadway.

There was talk some time ago of building there, but a question was raised about opening up Broadway east of the tracks at the time, and nothing was ever done in the matter. As the chances for ever opening Broadway east of the tracks are very remote indeed, perhaps the main building of the new station will be located at Broadway. However, the citizens are betting, in view of the attitude of the Santa Fe, that they will do the right thing about the size and location of the new depot.

## APPROVES PLAN OF A BIG NAVY

PRESIDENT WILSON TODAY GAVE APPROVAL TO DANIELS' RECOMMENDATIONS.

### FOUR THE FIRST YEAR

Two Dreadnaughts and Two Battle Cruisers to be Constructed First Year—National Defense Plan Expenditure of Four Hundred Millions.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 15.—President Wilson today approved Secretary Daniels' recommendation for five years' constructive program for the navy, to cost \$500,000,000.

The exact amount for each of the five years has not been decided, but the first year's program calls for two dreadnaughts and two battle cruisers. The national defense plans therefore calling for an expenditure during the next fiscal year of more than four hundred million dollars, have been completed.

Secretary Garrison has forwarded his estimates approved by President Wilson to the secretary of the treasury.

## A HUGE TASK CONFRONTS THE COMMITTEE

MERCHANTS FROM OTHER CITIES WILL PASS JUDGMENT UPON EXPLOSION LOSSES OF ARDMORE BUSINESS CONCERNS.

The committee of citizens which has undertaken to make settlement for the people with the Santa Fe people, has a huge undertaking. The settlement of merchandise losses will require much attention, and men from other cities have been brought here by the committee to pass on damages of this character. W. P. Westfall of the Westfall Drug Company of Oklahoma City, is here inspecting stocks of drugs that were damaged in the explosion; R. B. Halliburton of the Scott-Halliburton Dry Goods Company of Oklahoma City is inspecting damaged stocks of dry goods; W. J. Pettie of Oklahoma City, a pioneer hardware man will inspect the stocks of hardware which have suffered loss, and J. E. Looney of Tishomingo, a wholesale grocer, has been employed to inspect the loss on stocks of groceries. The persons mentioned here have come in the interest of the committee. A building superintendent and architect of Dallas has been engaged to calculate the losses on buildings in the explosion zone, and the committee will have the advantage of his knowledge of the cost of the construction of the buildings which have been ruined and also those which have been damaged.

Besides those who have been brought here by the committee, the railway people have also had some persons familiar with merchandise stocks to estimate for them the losses. Sidney L. Brock of Oklahoma City has spent some time here in the interest of the railway people. Mr. Brock is one of the big dry goods men of the state.

One of the visiting merchants said, the merchants would present claims for business loss due to the disaster. He said that he would not be required to pass upon losses of this nature. That he understood the committee would pass judgment upon this class of loss separate from actual damages. The merchant speaking said, a fire insurance company paid losses without considering the period of time which the loser was kept out of business, but he did not know what attitude the committee would take on this character of loss.

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